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SUBJECT: 4 1630200005 - St. Clair Co. - Sauget Sites/Dead Creek

1630350001 - St. Clair Co. - Dupo/MOPAC

1630450030 - St. Clair Co. - East St. Louis/United Steel Drum

• 1631210014 - St. Clair Co. - Sauget/Moss American

• 1631210006 - St. Clair Co. - Monsanto/Krummrich Drum Site 1198020001 - Madison Co. - Collinsville/Glidden Paint

1198020002 - Madison Co. - Collinsville/Central States Battery

1630450038 - St. Clair Co. - East St. Louis/Wastex 1631050001 - St. Clair Co. - New Athens/Autocrat 1638190002 - St. Clair Co. - Dupo/Ilada Energy

Superfund/Technical

◆Due to the OSR's involvement with the CSB site clean-up, many other sites in the Region had not been visually inspected for several weeks. On June 3, 1987, the Collinsville Region's OSR did a windshield tour of a number of sites.

At 1000 hours most of the car batteries which had been at the Lasitch residence appeared to have been moved off-site. However, the vacant lot seemed more disorderly this last week and a chain-link fence gate was laying on the ground near the access to the Canokia Mounds property. Conditions at the CSB facility were as they were at the end of clean-up operations last week. Mr. Lasitch was at the IEPA Collinsville office on May 29, 1987 asking to remove the tanks at the facility site and requesting that he be able to continue salvage operations at the facility. Ken Mensing told Mr. Lasitch that he should send his requests in written form to the Agency.

Ties were observed being sorted at the old FS Services plant across from the CSB facility. Several TransTruck trailers were seen heading south on I-255 loaded with broken ties, presumably to the J&R Landfill in Belleville. At least a dozen railroad cars, filled with ties, were on a siding to the site waiting to be unloaded. On June 4, 1987, this writer was called by an individual concerning a medical monitoring program for former FS Services employees, which is news to this writer.

The Asbestos Removal Work Plan for the Moss American site was picked up from the site manager at the Kerr/McGee office in Sauget. City officials have become increasingly uncooperative in providing access and services for the K/M operation, which has had negative impact upon preparation for decommissioning. The site manager relayed K/M officials intent that the extent of contamination offsite the 40 acres will not be included in this phase of the RI.

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St. Clair & Madison Co. Miscellaneous Sites Superfund/Technical -2-June 5, 1987 eThere has been no visible changes on the Monsanto Krummrich Drum site. although Clean-up Contractors have told this writer that they have been requested to submit bids to construct a cap over the drum trench. Monsanto personnel have completed the fence around Site G of the Dead Creek study area.

At 1100 hours the overpacked drums recently filled at the MOPAC/Dupo site were still on-site as documented on May 19, 1987. The overpacks on the Manor Chemical site have been moved from the back lot to the loading ramp. Mr. George Manor indicated to this writer on June 5, 1987 that he is waiting for test results to determine whether the material must be disposed or can be recycled. Mr. Manor wants to be rid of the drums by the end of the month.

There has been continual activity on the Ilada/Dupo site (judging from tire tracks), presumably in connection with crude oil production. Strong unidentified odors were experienced in the vicinity of the large blue tank just off Cement Hollow Road. The odors gave this writer a headache in a very short time.

Around noontime the Autocrat site was visited. The Paint Building in which overpacked drums are staged appears to be secure. The boiler room, which contains friable asbestos, had been broken into and was resealed with yellow caution tape. Other than minor vandalism, the site is as described on April 10, 1987. Wirco Casting, who removed useable capacitors containing PCB's from Autocrat, has recently been under scrutiny of Agency's RCRA inspectors for a landfill operation on their site.

No activity was observed at the United Steel Drum site at 1300 hours, as far as drum clean-up is concerned, probably due to wet grounds. Several hundred drums are in an upright position, awaiting shipment to Chicago and reconditioning. Although all these open top drums have lids, most now contain standing rainwater. Practically speaking, all the drums behind the Bliss property have been sorted into those to be scrapped, to be reconditioned on-site, or plastic drums to be held as inventory.

Many new large storage tanks can now be seen on the Wastex site.

The waste pile at the Glidden Paint site has been well transversed by ATV recreational vehicles. The drums which had been stored on-site containing rinsate have been removed by City employees, as rumors have it. Well and piezometer casings still appear to be in good shape.

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